

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 408

By Patton

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Clayton Lee Carpenter on the celebration of his eightieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Clayton Lee Carpenter, a popular and highly regarded professor of psychology for many years, will celebrate his eightieth birthday on January 31, 2000, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carpenter was born January 31, 1920 in Shelton, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, a well-liked student, he graduated from public schools and Kearney State College, in 1941; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carpenter served his country bravely for five years in the United States Navy, starting in 1941; he fought gallantly in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theatres, being discharged as a full lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, he married Mary Ruth Hartsell, a navy nurse, in 1945; and the couple had two daughters, Ms. Patricia L. Schiefer and Mrs. Cynthia G. Fitzgerald and four loving grandchildren, Matthew Schiefer, Patricia Ory, Jon Ory, and Scott Fitzgerald; and

WHEREAS, after being discharged from the navy, his first teaching assignment was in the Nebraska public schools. For ten years Dr. Carpenter was an excellent and popular teacher and mentor; and

WHEREAS, during this important period, he completed his Master's and Doctoral Degrees, graduating from the University of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carpenter came to East Tennessee State University in September 1956 and became the first chairman of the newly formed Department of Psychology; and

WHEREAS, he served admirably as chairman and beloved professor for thirty productive years, under his able tutelage, the department grew and expanded, fulfilling an important need; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carpenter retired as Professor Emeritus in May 1986; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, he married Dorothy Baird, an Associate Professor in the University's Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, an avid athletic supporter, Dr. Carpenter played high school and college football. He joined the Appalachian Officials Association and officiated basketball and football games in East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia. He is also a longtime member of the Pirate Club and supporter of the ETSU sports program; and

WHEREAS, ETSU made him an Honorary Alumnus in May 1995; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Dr. Carpenter has established the Clayton L. Carpenter and Dorothy B. Carpenter Endowment for Print and Non-Print Media in Educational Psychology for the Sherrod Library; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING. That we honor and commend Dr. Clayton Lee Carpenter on his exemplary

service to East Tennessee State University, his students, the academic community and the state of Tennessee. We also wish him well on the celebration of his eightieth birthday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be furnished to Dr. Carpenter, with this final resolving clause deleted.